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1. The airfield was west of Gorki (43°10' E/56°14' N), Gorki Oblast, north of the highway to Moscow. An aircraft plant was immediately east of the field and a road ran just south of it in a western direction to the Vinsky-Dom settlement. The southern section of the field was about 900 meters long. The landing field had a grass cover.
2. A large building with antenna and windcone was on the eastern edge and three or four large hangars on the northern and north-eastern edges. The apron in front of the hangars was of asphalt.
3. The hangars were generally occupied by 15 to 20 conventional fighters. A plane coming from the south made daily landings at the field at 12:30 p.m., another plane from the west at 4:30 p.m.
4. A jet aircraft with the following features appeared for the first time in April or May 1949: elevator assembly set high at rudder assembly, contrary to the later observed type. Jet power plant in fuselage, "large aperture" in nose, fuselage step close to rudder assembly. Elevator assembly swept back and shaped like a "fish tail." Section of fuselage forward of wings shorter than aft of wings. Cockpit set forward of wings and very flat.

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5. It was rumored in the P camp that the aircraft were flown by former German jet fighter pilots.

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[] Comment:

The information confirms previous reports, according to which it was assumed that the jet aircraft manufactured in Aircraft Plant No. 21 were test flown at the Gorki field. In addition to these planes a fighter regiment equipped with conventional aircraft or a fighter school was also stationed there. The jet aircraft type observed is probably a swept-back type []

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